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In re application of:

Byrd, *et al.*

Appl. No. 10/067,543

Filed: February 7, 2002

For: **Compositions and Methods for  
Molecular Biology**

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Atty. Docket: 0942.5230001/RWE/B-C

**Supplemental Response to the Notice to File Missing Part of  
Nonprovisional Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 13, 2002, submitted herewith are fifteen (15) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A 6B, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13A-13B, and 14 corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

A response to the "Notice to File Missing Part of Nonprovisional Application" was filed on July 3, 2002, with a two-month extension of time extending the period for response to July 13, 2002. Accordingly, it is believed that no further extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1590.
  - \$666 for 37 total claims over 20.
  - \$924 for 11 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 2460.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:


- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Part of Nonprovisional Application";
2. Supplemental Response to the Notice to File Missing Part of Nonprovisional Application;
3. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
4. Fifteen (15) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A 6B, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13A-13B, and 14; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

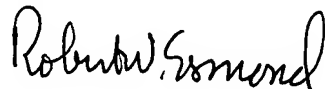
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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